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ARMS TO CUBA

NORWEGIAN NEWSPAPERS FEATURED NMU PRESIDENT JOSEPH CURRANS  
TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY COMMERCE HODGES AND ATTRIBUTED CURRANS PROTES  
TO LANGES STATEMENT TO PRESS FOLLOWING TALK WITH RUSK (EMBTEL 152).  
PRESIDENT NORWEGIAN SEAMENS UNION, GUNVALD HAUGE, AS QUOTED IN PRES  
STATES THAT CURRAN SHOULD STOP HIS VIOLENT AGITATION AGAINST NORWE-  
GIAN SHIPPING. HAUGE ALSO REFERRED TO THE WORLD WAR II RECORD OF  
FREE NORWEGIAN MERCHANT MARINE, WHICH NOW APPARENTLY IS FORGOTTEN.

IN SPEECH AT THE TRIENNIAL CONGRESS OF UNION COINCIDENTALLY NO  
MEETING IN OSLO HAUGE SEEMED MORE CONCILIATORY, SAYING THAT HE HOPED  
DIFFERENCES WITH NMU CAN BE RESOLVED IN FRIENDLY TALKS. SMILING,  
HE SAID THAT IF NMU PICKETS NORWEGIAN SHIPS IN USA, NORWEGIAN UNION  
WILL RETALIATE BY PICKETING MOORE-MCCORMACK LINES IN NORWAY. GENE-  
RAL SECRETARY OF ITWF, PETER DE VRIES (DUTCH), HERE FROM LONDON TO AT-  
TEND CONGRESS, TOLD PRESS IN STORY TO BE PRINTED TOMORROW THAT WHILE  
HE UNDERSTANDS US CONCERN HE DOUBTFUL THAT ITWF CAN BE HELPFUL STOP-  
PING ARMS TO CUBA AND IN ANY CASE NO CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN  
CURRANS REQUEST UNTIL ITWF BOARD MEETS IN OCTOBER.

NORWEGIAN LABOR LEADERS INCLUDING LO PRESIDENT NORWEGIAN SHIP-  
C. AND A. H. H. AS PART OF THE CUBA PROTEST.

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